

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) released the following statement after the president's State of the Union speech:

"What we heard from the president was similar to what we've heard over the past seven years. Stay the course in Iraq and trust that he'll take care of domestic needs. Unfortunately, we've seen that both courses are littered with obstacles.

"I'm pleased that the president has decided to work with Democrats on an economic stimulus package. Although the economy has faltered under his tenure, it's encouraging that he's taking steps to repair the damage. But there is much more to be accomplished.

"The bottom line is that we must end the war in Iraq, begin to rebuild our shattered global image and support all the families that have been left behind over the past seven years. It's time to move beyond the broken policies of George Bush and leave the partisan bickering behind. I'm looking forward to continuing my work with leaders from both parties to make sure the United States maintains its position as the strongest, fairest and most progressive nation in the world."

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